

## Area News

### Elba School Board members recognized during January

Elba City Schools will join school systems throughout the state to salute their local education leaders during Alabama's seventh annual School Board Member Recognition Month in January.



Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) signs a proclamation declaring the month of January as School Board Member Recognition Month in the City of Elba. Present for the proclamation signing was Charles Pearce (right), superintendent of the Elba School System.

The commemorative month is designed to recognize the contributions made by Alabama's more than 775 local school board members, including the five members of the Elba City Board of Education, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

Alabama school board members are chosen by their communities through election or appointment to manage local schools. They oversee multimillion-dollar budgets which fund education programs for more than 740,000 students in 1,400 schools. Their personnel decisions affect 43,000 teachers, 2,500 administrators and 30,000 support workers.

These volunteer leaders also are responsible for formulating school system policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Elba City Schools extends its deepest appreciation to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education in the community. The public servants of the Elba City School System whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in the community possible are: Reverend Aubrey Williams, board chairperson; Mr. Daniel Stephens, board vice-chairperson; Mr. Bill Brunson, board member; Dr. Lance K. Dyess, board member; and Mrs. Valerie McGuire, board member.

Please join the Elba City Schools by saying "thanks" to our school board members during Alabama's seventh School Board Member Recognition Month.



Left to Right: Bill Ingram, Fred Moore, Martha Guerrero and Jim Gilmer (not pictured is Marjorie Morrow).

### AARP officers installed in December

Elba AARP Chapter officers were installed for the year 2000 at the December meeting by Bill Ingram, District 8 Chapter Specialist from Midland City. Officers include: Fred Moore, president; Jim Gilmer, vice-president; Marjorie Morrow, Secretary; and Martha Guerrero, treasurer.

A program on AARP Tax-Aide will be presented by certified AARP Tax Counselors. The Elba Sr. Center has been accepted by the IRS as an E-File participant site. This Free Tax Help is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS. It is available to those age 60 or older, with middle to low income. Taxes will be filed electronically to the IRS. E-file is the fastest, most accurate way to file taxes and it gets your refund in half the usual time.

### Tag Renewals

Anyone with their last names beginning with A-D are to renew their automobile tags in January. Tags can be renewed in the Coffee County Probate Office at the Courthouse.

NAUS and SMU to hold organizational meeting on Jan. 19

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, the new local National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) and the Society of Military Widows (SMW) will have its organizational meeting at the Fort Rucker Officers Club at 1130 and 1800, to accommodate persons from all services interested in benefits expected from their military service.

Cape to speak at Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society meeting

Steve Cape, an avid Indian artifacts collector, will be the speaker for the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society's regular meeting Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Enterprise State Junior College. The meeting will be held in the Science Building at 2 p.m. Members and guests are invited.

For the past 14 years, Cape has been an avid collector of Indian artifacts. He enjoys traveling with his family to different areas learning the history of native Americans.

Cape is a native of Coffee County, reared in the Jack Community. He and his wife, Denise, have four children.

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## McCall named interim Circuit Clerk

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

In the wake of Coffee County Circuit Clerk Jim Ellis' retirement, the three sitting Circuit Judges of the 12th Judicial Circuit officially announced Tuesday that longtime Circuit Clerk's office employee Janice McCall will step in and fill Ellis' position for the remainder of the term. One of the judges said after the decision was made that the three of them were unanimous in selecting McCall, with her vast experience and knowledge of the judicial system, to fill the interim term.

McCall has been named Acting Circuit Clerk until Ellis' term expires in January 2001 or until after the election and a new Circuit Clerk has been named. If the newly elected circuit clerk chooses to get a jump start on his or her term, he or



JANICE MCCALL

she will be able to immediately take office, according to an agreement worked out with the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts (AOC). Otherwise, McCall will

continue to fill the position until the end of the current term in Jan. 2001. "I feel like I will now take on some of the administrative things that are generally handled by the Circuit Clerk," said McCall. "Regardless of what my new tasks are though, I will continue to work hard at my job. I don't consider this appointment to be something that will allow me to sit around and put my feet up."

Although the new position will undoubtedly increase Mrs. McCall's job responsibilities, she is not walking into completely uncharted territory. She has been a valued employee of the Coffee County Courthouse since August of 1975 and has been with the Circuit Clerk's office since August of 1978. Before Tuesday's announcement,

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JOHNNY DUNN TO HANDLE BASKETBALL

## Elba School System facing financial deficit

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board last Thursday evening (January 13) had board members hearing projections of dire needs for additional funding if the system is to complete the year without a financial deficit.

Superintendent Charles Pearce reminded the board that the system had borrowed \$50,000 at the beginning of the school year and was probably going to need more before the year is over. He pointed out state mandates for pay raises, without the funding to pay the bill and local sales tax revenues not coming up to projected amounts, even though they are above revenues for the past year.

Last year the school borrowed funds to begin the year, but repaid the bank as state education funds arrived during the school year.

While the most recent check

from county ad valorem taxes (\$154,000) was the largest ever one time payment, the annual total is not guaranteed to be over projections.

The Child Nutrition Program (lunchrooms) showed a steady financial balance, varying only a few dollars from the previous month.

The board formally accepted the resignation of Basketball Coach Marlon Johnston. They named Johnny Dunn to handle the basketball coaching duties for the remainder of the season and Principal Danny Weeks will teach the Driver Education classes for the second semester. The filling of the jobs internally was done after officially declaring an emergency to comply with a recent federal court consent order. Under the consent decree, it would be illegal to hire either of the two for the positions

after the end of this school year.

The board accepted a recommendation to grant a leave of absence, effective Jan. 31, to Mrs. Julie Norris under the Family/Medical Leave Act. She plans to return to the system in September.

The board also made an emergency hire declaration in this position.

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BOARD MEMBERS FEEL REQUEST JEOPARDIZES GROUP'S EFFECTIVENESS

## County BOE takes no action on prayer group's request

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The first meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education in the new year looked like it might be "quick and easy," however that was not to be the case last Thursday evening.

Board members moved through the first 10 items of a fourteen-item agenda rather quickly - less than thirty minutes - but then they went into an executive session mode, and that is when things slowed down. They met behind closed doors for just over an hour and a half before reopening the meeting to members of the media and other attendees.

No official action was taken after the board came out of executive session, and no reason was given for the closed-door session. According to the state's open meeting law, executive sessions can only be held when the character or good name of a woman or man is involved or to allow discussions between a public body (board) and its attorney concerning pending litigation.

After reconvening the meeting, the board chairman, Charles Walker, immediately recognized Glen Reed-

er to discuss the board's "limited open forum policy."

This was Mr. Reed's second appearance before the board to request that an organized prayer group at Zion Chapel High School known as Believers in Christ be allowed to meet during school hours. His first appearance before the board was about two months ago when he was told that the board would need to consult with its attorney and allow him time to research the limited open forum policy as it relates to the equal access.

Mr. Reed said it was his understanding that this had been done and he was now "renewing his request that the board allow the prayer club

to meet during school hours as other clubs are allowed to do."

During a discussion between board members and Mr. Reed concerning his request, it was determined that at the present time, members of the prayer group are meeting for about 20 minutes between the hours of 7:30 and 7:50 a.m. on the school's campus.

Reeder, who helped to organize the group but is not a member, told board members that members of the club had complained to him that this limited time was not sufficient to allow the club to organize, set its goals, and to mobilize its members.

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## Hospital & Nursing Home not under quarantine

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The flu bug has not yet gotten its grip on our immediate area; however, the few who have had their bout with this "bad boy" may not agree with that assessment.

In checking with the local hospital, Mrs. Ellen Briley, administrator of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, said although the hospital has been relatively full during the last few days it has not all been flu related.

"Most of the individuals who have been in the hospital were suffering from upper respiratory infection, flu-like symptoms, pneumonia, or sinusitis," Briley said. "We have had very few if any patients with the flu or influenza."

"We have had three weeks of high census in the hospital with these admissions but it seems there is, at least for the present time, a decrease in some admissions of upper respiratory illness."

Influenza (flu) is an airborne, respiratory virus spread through coughing or sneezing. It starts suddenly with an individual having chills, fever, malaise, joint and muscle aches, high fever of about 102 to 103 degrees for adults. There is usually chest pain or a burning sensation and a non-productive cough. There is not much vomiting associated with the flu.

The "bug" as it is called, usually appears each year during Christmas time and stays around until early March.

"A good indicator for when the flu has really hit is absenteeism in the local schools," said Mrs. Briley. "When you begin seeing high numbers on the absentee list, the flu has arrived."

In checking with the local schools, officials have indicated that so far the absenteeism has only been slightly higher than usual.

except for immediate family," said the administrator. "And, at NO TIME has the nursing home been under quarantine as has been reported by some area media."

The influenza viruses are usually spread by infected persons sneezing and coughing, spraying droplets into the air. Anyone who is sneezing or coughing should cover their nose and mouth with a handkerchief. Medical experts say that the frequent washing of one's hands will reduce the spread of the virus but it does not eliminate the risk.

Based on information from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, persons over the age of 55, residents of nursing homes, adults and children who have constant disorders including asthma, diabetes, or suffer from heart and lung disease are in the high risk category for contracting influenza.

The Coffee County Health Department has administered more than 1,700 flu vaccine shots and have almost depleted their supply. There was a \$5 fee for those persons not on Medicare. Persons who have not gotten a flu shot and have not gotten the flu can still take the shot if the vaccine is available to them. It takes approximately two weeks for the vaccine to be effective, and it will not give you the flu as some persons have been led to believe.

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## Area Happenings

**COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, January 24, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox


An Associated Press story in the Birmingham News Sunday reported a new drug which kills 169 viruses, including the causes of viral meningitis, summer flu, childhood fevers, inflammation of the heart and that old bug which sends people to the doctor 39 million times a year... the common cold. The drug is pleasant, pronounced plain-CON-ah-e-vill and is made by ViroPharma, Inc. One of the brains in this company is Johanna Griffin, a former UAB professor. The drug is getting good words from experts in the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention but is still in the required testing stages for FDA approval. The company has been allowed to distribute the drug in some life threatening cases for about 100 people and the reports show spectacular results. A number of these cases were of people with a brain infection which would not go away and the usual pattern is normally downhill. This drug attacks both rhinovirus and enterovirus viruses. The company hopes to be selling the drug for viral meningitis patients by mid 2000 and for the common cold in 2001. Now the cold treatment will not cure the problem instantly, but will reportedly ease the discomfort and wipe it out completely in three or four days. Also there appear to be no side effects. The presence of side effects is becoming better and better known to the general public as new drugs come on the market and systematic reports of problems spread. So, hold your snifflers and endure them until next year, because help is apparently on the way.

Oh, it is a shame, for Alabama, that Dr. Griffin went north, and didn't continue her great work at UAB. However, we will still take the pill when our snifflers call for some relief.

Someone slipped into the Alabama State Capitol last week, after hours, and placed the Confederate Flag atop the capitol dome. It is rarely that we agree with Representative Alvin Holmes, but this is an exception. If you remember, Holmes and some others were arrested several years ago for trying to get up there and take down that same flag. They were charged with trespassing, and he thinks this person needs the same punishment. On second thought, the person who needs punishment is the security guard(s) who let the man in the building (or helped him with the whole thing more than likely). Security guards are often called "rent-a-cops" on TV but still they are paid to keep the building secure from intruders, regardless of their own personal agendas. Many will classify this as the proper thing to do or maybe just a harmless prank. True, no one suffered physical injury and there was no apparent property damage, but what this man did is illegal. We urge state officials to investigate this matter and plug the leak before the next time when it might be someone planting a bomb or spray painting some of Alabama's historic treasures so beautifully displayed throughout the wonderfully restored building.

The Mayor of Ozark is complaining because about the district lines for the Alabama Legislature. His concern centers on the fact Ozark is split between three senate districts and he feels that not one of them can give Ozark the attention it needs and deserves. We are not sure but what he has the best deal around. If Ozark, or Dale County, has got a real need, there are three yes votes in the senate... instantly, where the rest of us mortals can only hope for one sure vote at best. Oh, by the way, for what it is worth, one of his three senators is Elba's Jimmy Holley.

We salute the Elba High School journalism program. In spite of budget restraints, etc., the program continues to grow and expose students to a better understanding of how their news is compiled and delivered and to the limitations of the news media. However, school folks shouldn't be resting on their laurels. There are an unlimited number of other areas where this same speciality type education can be enhanced for the benefit of area children. Small initial steps in any area where there is no staff expertise can be gradually built upon for the benefit of both the students and the school system. One natural would be some formal training in computer technology and the use and/or maintenance of internet services. Elba schools are on the leading edge with use of this very new technology and some of our students would be very receptive to the intense training needed to stay ahead of the curve in this field. It is a field where knowledgeable people are on staff and capable of leading this training. Other experts are out there in the real world and eager to share their knowledge.



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**MARCH HONORS MLK...** The fourth annual march through Downtown New Brockton was held Monday morning as a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the work that he did in the civil rights movement. Dr. King is remembered for his role in the struggle for racial equality through non-violent actions. The theme for the day-long celebration was "Remember, Celebrate, Act - A Day Of, Not A Day Off." Between 75 and 100 individuals, both young and old, marched from the Coffee County Bus Shop (old Warren Smith High School) through Downtown New Brockton to the Greater Springfield Baptist Church where the day's events continued. The focus was on educating the generation which will carry the torch toward reaching racial equality in the 21st Century - the youth of today. Sponsors of the event, the Progressive Church, an alliance of four churches - Greater Springfield Baptist Church, Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Pea River Baptist Church, and St. Mary Baptist Church, deemed the day-long celebration a success.

**Elba Work Release posted over 1,500 hours of service**  
During the month of December, inmates at the Elba Work Release facility of the Department of Corrections posted over 1,500 hours of service for area agencies.

A total of 197 inmates worked for 1,576 hours on various projects for 10 agencies, according to information released by Dewayne Estes, warden of the Elba Work Release facility.

Agencies requesting assistance from the work release were: the City of Elba, Elba Recycling, Coffee County, Elba Police Department, Elba National Guard, Daleville National Guard, Enterprise National Guard, City of Daleville, Town of Kinston and Alabama Forestry.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 17, 1999, investigated the following incidents: four harassments, one house fire, one forgery, two burglaries, six thefts of property, one missing person, one assault, one leaving the scene of an accident, one criminal mischief, one menacing, one DUI, one property damage, and one breaking and entering of a vehicle.

The following arrests were made: one for receiving stolen property, one for disorderly conduct, one for resisting arrest and an execution of a pick-up order on a runaway.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for running a stop sign, nineteen for speeding, two for violation of car bell law, two for DUI, four for an expired tag, one for leaving the scene of an accident, one for no tag, two for running a red light, and two for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10 - Coffee

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- **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court house, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
- **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
- **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
- **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
- **BAND ROOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5848
- **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
- **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tues. day at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Discount hanger
- **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria
- **WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1922** - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba

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ELBA  
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REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 4, 2000, through January 17, 2000. They were: Trudie Jackson, Mavis Legear, Julia Harper, Clemmie Williamson, Janice Deal, Lo Ellen Finner, Robert Jones, Kimberly Bland, Ella Robinson, Richard Jacobs, Cola Carley, Justin Simmons, Howard Oliver, James Marshall, Colton Skipper, Martha Senn, Emanuel Magwood, Frances Bryan, Pearl Reeves, David Stinson, William Gray, Mary Stinson, Tiffany Parrish, H. K. Davis, and Felicia Revels.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Fred Cox, Julia Harper, Mary Crandell, Lou Ellen Finner, Mary Alice Blue, Kimberly Bland, Jimmy Morris, William Legear, Louis Edgar, Trudie Jackson, Cola Carley, Clemmie Williamson, Justin Simmons, Oliver Howard, Richard Jacobs, Robert Jones, Martha Senn, Felicia Revels, David Stinson, Colton Skipper, Emanuel Magwood, James Marshall, and Janice Deal.

## NOTICE

The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents until further notice. No children please! Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction. Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

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## BOARD

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mies First rule where students must maintain a grade average of 70 in order to participate in extracurricular activities such as the prayer club.

It was also noted that under the present policy on limited, open-forth equal access, if the board allowed the prayer club (a non-curricular club) to meet during class time, it would also have to grant the same privileges to other similar groups - some of which might not be as favorable as the prayer group.

Reeder estimated the number of students now taking part in the prayer club to be between 50 and 70. It is his contention that the number would grow to be 3/4 of the school's enrollment should the club be allowed to meet during school hours. There are approximately 315 students enrolled in Zion Chapel High School. Board member Joyce Barksdale commented that this would depend on the number of students maintaining a 70 or above grade average.

Board member Ben Amlog, who is also a minister, said, "I beg to differ with you (Reeder). In our conversations on the phone, I told you that I was misled to believe that the prayer club was not allowed to meet. I have since found out that the prayer club is meeting before school hours... they are having to put forth an extra effort to do so and my congratulations go to those kids."

"To bring about the confusion that this thing (Amlog was referring to equal access) would cause that you're asking for, I would rather leave it like it is."

"In the confines of open access, if we open it up for one club, by law, we will be required to open it

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McCall worked in the civil and domestic relations division of the Circuit Clerk's office.

"When I started working at the courthouse in 1975, I didn't know anything about the judicial system," said McCall. "But the late District Attorney Leroy Stephens and the late Judge Ernie Paul took me under their mold and taught me a great deal."

It was after the fall election of 1976 when Jim Ellis entered the Circuit Clerk's office, and Mrs. McCall joined him nearly two years later. They had worked together from that time until Ellis' retirement on Jan. 18.

Now, Mrs. McCall says she will take what she has learned through her many years of working in the judicial system and continue to do the job to the best of her ability.

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tion also, effective Jan. 31. Pearce said he was interviewing two prospects to fill the science and chemistry teaching position for the balance of the year. Again, the successful candidate will not be eligible for the position in September, under the consent decree.

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## AREA DEATHS

## JAMES E. MCGOWAN

Mr. James E. McGowan, born March 5, 1933, of New Brockton, Ala., died recently.

Funeral services were held Jan. 12, 2000 at Springfield Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial followed in the Marshall Cemetery of New Brockton with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Dora McGowan, Springfield, MA; step-mother: Adella McGowan; one brother: Lamar (Little) McGowan, Elba; two sons: James E. McGowan, Sheldon Lewis McGowan; and three grandchildren.

**NELLIE COLEMAN**  
Mrs. Nellie Coleman, born Jan. 2, 1909 to Zeb Alzona Flowers in Pike County, died recently.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 2000 in the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home of Elba with the Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her two children: Mary Adams and James Adams.

## UNA MOSELEY BYRD

Mrs. Una Moseley Byrd, age 86, of Enterprise, Ala., died Jan. 13, 2000 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Jan. 15, 2000 in the Chapel of Seary Funeral Home of Enterprise with Elder Fred Averett Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Meadowlawn Cemetery with the Seary Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Byrd was preceded in death in 1945 by her husband, Ralph Moseley, and in 1988 by her husband.

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band, Watson P. Byrd. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Len and Onnie Byrd; three sisters and six brothers; a son-in-law: Sid Averett; and a granddaughter, Haley Marie Penuel.

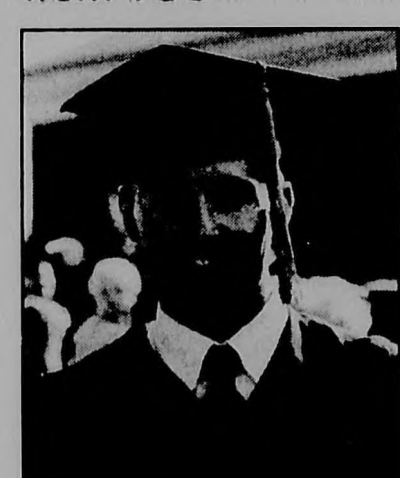
Survivors include: three daughters: Billy P. and Ruby Byrd, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; one sister-in-law: Nadine Byrd, Enterprise, Fla.; two sons: James E. McGowan, Sheldon Lewis McGowan; and three grandchildren: Steve Averett, Len Averett, Machele Thomas, David Penuel and Adam Chisum; five great-grandchildren: Dale Averett, Sidney Griswold, John Austin Thomas, Haley Thomas and Robert Len Averett Jr.

**ELAINE CARTLAND**  
Mrs. Elaine Cartland, age 50, of Dallas, Pa., died January 12, 2000. Mrs. Cartland was a very talented artist and art instructor.

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Michael Grantham  
receives degree  
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Michael Brian Grantham, son of Cindy Eddins and Berry Grantham, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration on Dec. 17, 1999 from Troy State University in Troy, Ala.

Michael is the grandson of Ivey Grantham and a 1994 graduate of Elba High School. While attaining his BS degree at TSU, Michael was on the President's List 1999, nominated for the Outstanding General Business Student Award and was a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon's International Economic Honor Society. Michael currently is enrolled at Troy State to pursue his MBA.

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# CHURCH

## Hocutts accept missionary appointment



Keith Hocutt



Carolyn Hocutt

M. Keith and Carolyn Burton Hocutt have joined the more than 4,800 Southern Baptist International Mission Board workers sharing Christ in 124 countries and among 336 ethnic people groups.

The Hocutts were among 35 people appointed by the International Mission Board Jan. 10 during a service at Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn, Ala.

The new missionaries will fill diverse job assignments from starting churches to using sports, education and business as tools of ministry.

The Hocutts will live among the Chiquian people in the Andes. They will work with Peruvian Baptists and Southern Baptist volunteers from the United States, planting churches in this remote region.

Beginning in 1995, the Hocutts served for 18 months in Belize with International Service Corps, a short-term missions program of the International Mission Board. Their work included overseeing the construction and operation of the Baptist Training Center and serving in the village church.

The Hocutts currently live in Elba, Ala., and are members of Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn, Ala. Keith recently worked at the Center for Great Commission Studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest and as the minister of music at

Macedonia Baptist Church in Holly Springs, N.C.

Other churches influential in their spiritual growth are Lakeview Baptist Church in Auburn, Ala.; First Baptist Church Elba; Atlanta First Baptist Church; and Gadsden First Baptist Church.

Keith was born in Opp, to Evelyn and the late George Hocutt of Elba. He has received the bachelor of science degree from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the master of divinity degree from Southeastern seminary.

He became interested in missions while attending a camp for Royal Ambassadors, a Southern Baptist missions education program for boys. As an adult, he took his first international mission trip to Haiti. From that point on, he knew that his life would no longer be the same.

In Sept. 1995 during a prayer meeting, Keith felt God speaking to him again about the missions. During the meeting, he watched a video that included a list of opportunities. "Carolyn and I looked at each other and knew we were to respond to one of those opportunities," recalled Keith. The next day, he contacted the International Mission Board and began the application process that led them to their assignment in Belize.

Keith feels God has worked through the events of his life to prepare him for full-time mission

Vision Ministries, Inc. to present "A Dare To Dream" in Dothan

Vision Ministries, Inc. will present "A Dare To Dream" on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Dothan Civic Center with special guest Bishop Carlton Pearson. Higher

Dimensions of Tulsa, Okla. Crusade coordinator is P. Mary Whitehurst-Ferick, pastor/evangelist. Buses are welcome, and the admission is free.

Linda Rice to be in concert at the Elba United Methodist Church

A celebration of Gospel Music with Linda Rice will be held Monday, January 24, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church, Elba, AL. Linda Rice is the only "Gospel" harpist in the world with a full-time touring schedule. She plays concerts in churches and Federal Prisons all over the United States and travels extensively with her husband, harp and electronic equipment.

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There will be a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall before the concert at 6:00 p.m.

For more information call the church office at 334-897-2219. Everyone is invited to attend.

Brent Vernon Concert

Brent Vernon (a member of the Florida-based group "Vision") will be performing solo on Friday, January 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church.

Everyone is invited to attend this service of worship. Brent will also be doing a ventriloquist act for the children's pleasure. Finger foods will be enjoyed after the concert in the church fellowship hall.

## ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA

Scripture: John 6:41-47

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: Helen Folmar, Hannah Coleman, Glen Kelley, Mozelle McCormick, Rose Coleman, Rev. C.H. Hammond Sr., James Adams, Mary Tom Adams, Lee Warren, Pearlille Tillis, Beulah Horsted, Annie Belcher, Collis Belcher.

\*\*\*Fellowship program of the Mt. Zion First Baptist Church will be held Jan. 23 at 2:30 p.m. Sister Bertha Williams will be the minister of the ceremony. The choir will render music, Pastor Edwards will present the speaker, Elder Earl Williams.

\*\*\*Welcome to the First Pastor's Appreciation for Pastor W.O. Edwards at Mt. Zion First Baptist Church on Feb. 6 at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Submitted by

Rev. John Baxter, Pastor of

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Elba, AL

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed. The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit.

"I guess you were expecting me," he said.

"No, who are you?" said the father.

"I'm the new minister at your church," he replied. "When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up."

"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man.

"Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, the minister shut the door. "I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayers, but it went right over my head."

"I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky

because he promised, 'I'll be with you always.' Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now."

"So I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Did he die in peace?" he asked.

"Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."

We live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

# LIFESTYLES

## Moore-Farris wedding to be held March 11th



Mr. Farris and Mrs. Moore

2000 Tri-County "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" to be held February 12th

The 2000, "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Elba Elementary School in Elba. The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is sponsoring the pageant. Admission at the door will be \$3 per person.

Age divisions will include 0-12 months, 13-35 months, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years and 15-18 years. Pageant age will be based upon the age of the contestant prior to Feb. 1, 2000.

The entry fee of \$30 should be made payable to Elba Masonic Lodge #170, and must be received no later than Feb. 8. Please mail entry fees and entry forms to Harry Young, 2721 Marilyn Street, Elba, AL 36623 or Elba Masonic Lodge #170, P.O. Box 291, Elba, AL 36623.

For more information, call Stella Amison at 897-8301 after 4 p.m. Harry Young at 897-5097. Herb Winters at 897-3095 or Wayne Bryan at 897-2015.

We live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Christopher LaDon Senn celebrates 2nd birthday

Christopher LaDon Senn celebrated his second birthday with a "Barney" party at Jack Assembly of God fellowship hall on Jan. 15, 2000.

Christopher is the son of Don and Terri Senn of Jack, and his grandparents are Nell and Doug Shiver and Lynda and Pat Senn, all of Jack.

Christopher's relatives, friends and his Barney's were all present to celebrate his second birthday.

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Miss Amy Ross

Miss Ross and Mr. McConnell to wed in March

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ross of Elba, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Danielle, to Christopher Tyler McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McConnell of Hope Hall, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of Brantley, Ala., and Mrs. Gladys Chandler and the late Mr. Comer Chandler of Opp, Ala.

Miss Ross graduated from Troy State University and is currently employed in Montgomery, Ala.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mr. Price

McConnell and the late Mrs. Futrell Smith of Alexander City, Ala., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Forbes of Alexander City, Ala.

Mr. McConnell is employed in Montgomery, Ala.

The wedding will take place on March 18, 2000 at four o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church of Montgomery, AL

Azalea Garden Club holds January meeting at library

The Azalea Garden Club met Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Elba Library. A delicious dinner was served by Judy Eastburn and Annie Laura Wright in the absence of hostess, Carolyn Shively.

Members present were: Nona Cooper, Betty Cox, Marjorie Ann, Martha Guerrero, Ruth Inman, Carol Jackson, Elaine Martin, Iva McCreary, Betty Rogers, Betty Vaughan, Annie Laura Wright, Wanda Shirley, Linda Biddle and Judy Eastburn.

Gifford and Ann Garner showed slides and videos of their trip to Holland, Michigan. The program was very interesting.

Everyone who successfully completes the six-hour class and passes a test will have the opportunity to be listed on a statewide sister list. Spaces for the class are limited, and early enrollment is encouraged.

Sandra Dent, RNC, MSN, AD, and instructor in the A.D.N. program at Wallace Community College, and Kay Jones, executive director of the Southeast Alabama Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will lead the class. They are both certified dementia educators for the State of Alabama.

For more information about the Sister Education program, for directions to the church or to register, call the Alzheimer's Association at (334) 677-6799 or 1-888-367-4360.

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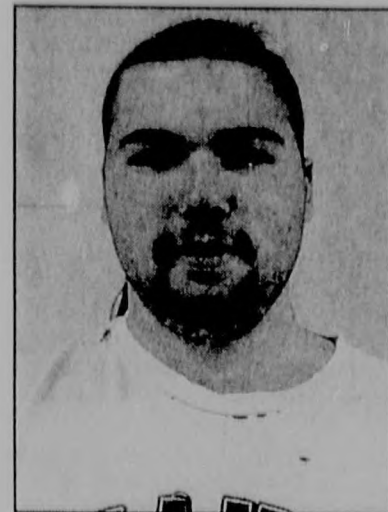
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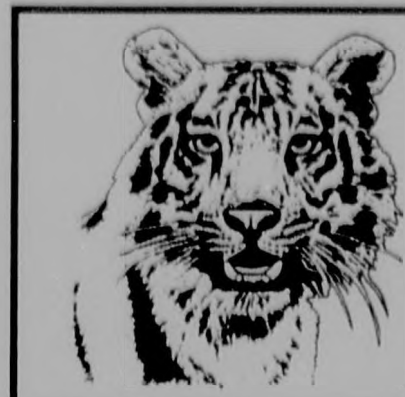
## Co-Op Spotlight



Greg Williams

by Natasha Bannin  
This week's Co-Op spotlight focuses on Greg Williams. Greg is employed at Scott's Small Motors where he works on motors.

Greg is 17 years old and is a senior at Elba High. He is a member of VICA. His future plans are to get a job welding or to attend the University of West Alabama and major in Biology.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Kimberly Ward  
Cammie Kelley

## EHS Students Address Lions

by Kimberly Ward  
On Jan. 4, 2000, three students got the special privilege of taking a special trip. Vaughn Boyd, Valerie Moore and Kimberly Ward addressed the Lions Club at the Elba Rotary Club Meeting. When the students arrived, they enjoyed the delicious food cooked by the Rotary Club. Then, the meeting was called to order, and the meeting was underway. Not only did the students get to attend the meeting, but they also spoke to the members. Mr. Mike Carney was in charge of the program, and he

asked the three students to speak on leadership.

Valerie Moore spoke first. Valerie spoke about the HOBY Leadership Conference that she attended last year. Then, Vaughn Boyd spoke. She plotted out a few points on Governor's School and talked about Girls State. She attended both of these programs over the summer. Kimberly Ward then spoke on Governor's School. The activities, work classes, and fun were relived. The girls had fun and were honored to speak at the meeting.

## TIGER BRIEFS

ELBALA Pageant  
by Emilee Qualls

On Saturday, Jan. 29, the Elba High School Journalism Staff will be sponsoring the annual Elbala pageants. The different categories are Mini Miss grades K-3, Little Miss grades 4-6, Junior Miss grades 7-9, and Miss grades 10-12. Practices will be held Tuesday, Jan. 25, for the Junior Miss and the Miss categories beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, will be practices for Mini Miss and Little Miss from 6-8 p.m. The pageants will be held in the Elba High School Auditorium beginning at 6:00 with the theme to "The Many Faces of Cinderella." Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Come and support your local high school beauties.

### Softball Tournament

The EHS Baseball team will sponsor a double elimination softball tournament on Feb. 18 and 19 at the softball and baseball complex at Elba High School. The field will be limited to the first 10 teams at \$100 per team. This will be a non-sanctioned tournament with a 3 home run and out with no ejection. Contact Wynn Grimes at 897-8892 or Elba High School at 897-2266. Deadline to enter is Feb. 16.

## Presidential Classroom Draws Top Students

The Presidential Classroom draws the nation's top students to Washington DC. Katie Vaughan, Melissa Grantham, Raeann McCollough and Vaughan Boyd, all students at Elba High School, will travel to our nation's capital as participants in the Presidential Classroom's Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program, a leading civic education program. The program gives scholars a firsthand look at the political responses to change brought about by scientific advances. Students examine a variety of topics such as environmental quality, space exploration, disease control and telecommunications. The program will take place Jan. 29 to Feb. 5, 2000.

Joining hundreds of high school students from across the country, they will take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each of government, the military, media and lobbying organizations. Additionally, students are scheduled for a private tour of the White House, appointments with the Senators' and Representatives' offices and a visit to a foreign embassy.

Although there are many programs that offer students the opportunity to visit Washington, only Presidential Classroom is designed to challenge the nation's top high school juniors and seniors. Students in advance placement courses, especially history or government, are good candidates for Presidential Classroom as are student council and student government members.

Presidential Classroom encourages participation by individual students rather than large groups. This policy, and scholarship support, ensure diversity in each program's student body, drawing scholars, for

providing them with the opportunity to experience independence and gain self-confidence.

Dr. Chip Quisenberry, Director of Student Financial Aid, explained how students could obtain financial aid. Freddie Alford, Director of Career Development Center, talked to the seniors about Career Decision Making. Robin Wyatt discussed College Admission and STARS.

To be admitted to ESJC a person does not have to have taken the ACT, but must have graduated from high school or have taken and passed the GED.

STARS is a legal contract that states that the classes a person takes at a two-year college will transfer to a four-year college. While the seniors ate lunch they were entertained by the ESJC Entertainers, Enterprise State Junior College Mentors took the seniors on a tour of the college.

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## SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie will celebrate her 11th birthday in just two weeks, and while she hasn't really decided what she wants for a gift, she has made up her mind that she wants to have a spend the night party for some of her closest friends. As the father of two daughters I really don't mind a few extra girls around the house for a night. However, after going through a similar party with our older daughter many years ago, I will have to be assured that I will still be the boss, and that Melanie will keep the size of the party small. I'll report back after the party, if I am still able!

## SORTING THROUGH THE NOISEBOOK....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers saw their six-game winning streak come to an end Saturday night with a loss to arch-rival New Brockton, and while the loss hurt the Tigers and will no doubt affect their ranking in the 3A poll, the Tigers need to remember how they fell after the game when the New Brockton players were gathered at mid court jumping up and down in celebration. The Gamecocks' celebration took place on the Tigers' home court, a place the Elba players work hard every single day, and Elba's players need to go back to work this week and work even harder then ever to make certain that such a celebration will not take place again. The 2000 Tigers are still one of the best teams to ever wear the black and gold of Elba High, and they simply need to learn from their mistakes and improve. A team, and its players, either gets better or gets worse, it can't stay the same and be satisfied with its accomplishments. This Tiger team still has a lot of winning to do, and a lot of goals yet to reach, and it can accomplish those goals if it works hard and always strives to get better every time it takes the court. It will be interesting to see just how the Tigers react after such a disappointing loss, because the rest of Elba's schedule is filled with very good basketball teams, and it will take the Tigers' best effort to win every time it hits the court. I, for one, believe that this senior-laden team will rededicate itself and prove to all their fans, and critics, that they are still one of the best 3A teams in the state!

\*\*\* The Tigers made it look easy in posting wins over Opp and Slocumb last week, and put on a dunking exhibition in both games. The Tigers bolted out to a 27-4 lead in the win over Opp, with Tim Ware showing all in attendance a variety of his slam dunks, while in the win over the Red Tops the Tigers pulled out to a 40-10 second quarter lead and had 10 dunks as a team. With Ware and Wayne Reed combining for nine of the slams, Elba has to lead the state, regardless of class, in slam dunks, and that is why the gyms are filled no matter where the Tigers play.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers saw their record move to 4-10 last week with a loss to New Brockton on Saturday night, but the Lady Tigers still had a big week as they defeated Slocumb 52-39, in Slocumb, to post their first area win in two years. The Lady Tigers start one senior, one junior, two sophomores and a freshman, but never back down from any opponent, and are learning as they go. This bunch of girls work hard every single day, and win or lose, leave nothing on the court. Their record means nothing, it is their effort that counts, and they always get a winning mark on that page!

\*\*\* I'll have to admit that it came as no real shock to me that New Brockton was able to claim a win over Elba Saturday night. Coach Keith Thrasher has groomed this bunch of guys for the past four years, and the Gamecocks have proven time and time again that they are indeed the true definition of a "team." Everyone on the New Brockton roster has a role to play, accepts that role, and is ready to step up and be the leader on any given night. Sure they can be beaten, look at the lopsided loss to Enterprise. However, they can also win on any given night, and are the type of team that no coach wants to play. New Brockton may be the most under-rated team in the state in the 2A ranks, and has the ability to make a real run at the state tournament. It won't be easy, but I bet you'll hear no complaints from the Gamecocks no matter how hard it gets.

\*\*\* This has been another season to forget for the folks up at Zion Chapel and down at Kinston, and while both teams have pride and work hard to win, some of their fans are probably counting down the days until the season ends. The Rebels saw their record slip to 5-11 last week with a lopsided road loss to Houston Academy, and since the Rebels are in the same area with G.W. Long, Houston Academy and Florala, it will take a major upset for Zion Chapel to make the sub-regional round of play. The Rebels play hard and fight for every loose ball, they are simply in a very tough area and many nights are out manned. The Bulldogs saw their record slip to 4-10 last week with big losses to New Brockton and Geneva County, and much like their neighbors in the north part of the county, are out manned many nights when they take the court. The Bulldogs play hard enough to win just about every night out, and when their shots are falling they can pull off an upset. However, Kinston plays in a basketball rich part of the state, and there are no easy wins for them no matter who they play. While the two county teams have struggled again this season, don't let their records fool 'em, the players and coaches work as hard as any to be found, and both are very deserving of support from their fans.

\*\*\* In closing, I will admit that I have sneaked a look at some of the NFL "playoff" games over the past two weekends. I don't get a chance to watch many pro games, and am not a true NFL fan. However, the teams all seem to pick it up a notch when the playoffs start, and it is at least a little

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## Claim important Area 3 win

## Elba Lady Tigers slap Slocumb 52-39

The Elba Lady Tigers put an end to their four-game losing streak Friday night by claiming an impressive 52-39 road win over the Slocumb Lady Red Tops, in Slocumb.

The win upped the Lady Tigers record to 4-9, 1-2 in Area 3 action, while Slocumb fell to 6-6 with the loss, 1-2 in Area play.

Elba came out ice cold in the opening stanza and trailed 6-2 before Ayonna Proctor hit a jumper with .55 left to cut the Slocumb lead to 6-4.

A driving lay-up by LaGina Mack pulled Elba within 8-6 with .15 remaining in the quarter, but the Lady Red Tops went on the warpath and reeled off six straight points to take a 14-6 lead with 7:22 left in the half.

A steal and lay-up by Roshanda McKinnon and a three-pointer by Kerri Lawford sparked a 10-0 Elba run that put the Lady Tigers ahead 16-14 with 2:57 remaining in the half, and Melissa Kelley added a late three-pointer as the Lady Tigers went in at halftime with a 20-17 advantage.

Elba upped its lead to 22-17 early in the third quarter on a LaGina Mack basket, but the Lady Red Tops refused to fold, and cut the

## Lady Tigers fall to Brockton 49-38

The Elba Lady Tigers saw a seven-point halftime lead vanish under a furious New Brockton rally as the Lady Gamecocks pulled away in the second half to post a wild 49-38 win, Saturday night in Elba.

The loss left the Lady Tigers with a 4-10 record, while New Brockton improved its record to 9-3 with the win.

New Brockton jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the opening stanza, but the Lady Tigers pulled even at 3-3 on a three-pointer by LaGina Mack, and then took command behind the play of Mack and Roshanda McKinnon. Elba opened up a 12-7 lead by the end of the quarter.

A basket by Melissa Kelley early in the second quarter upped the Elba lead to 14-7, and the Lady Tigers remained in charge throughout the stanza as Roshanda McKinnon dominated inside and Elba rolled to a 24-17 halftime advantage.

Elba was still on top by five points at 28-23 early in the third



ELBA LADY TIGER MELISSA KELLEY (30) looks to drive in recent action. Kelley hit three three-pointers Friday night to help spark the Lady Tigers to a 52-39 win over Slocumb.

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Elba lead to 24-23 with 4:46 remaining in the quarter.

A put back by Rachel Bludworth with 4:31 left gave the Lady Tigers a 26-23 lead, and Melissa Kelley drilled a pair of three-pointers in the final 43-seconds of the stanza as Elba entered the fourth quarter with a 34-29 lead over the highly-favored Lady Red Tops!

The Lady Tigers increased their lead to 37-29 early in the fourth quarter despite hitting only one of six free-throw opportunities, and picked up their intensity on defense to convert steals into points, as their lead went to 46-36 with 1:46 left on the clock.

Elba had to battle until the final horn to secure the win, and did just that, as they held on down the stretch to post the big 52-39 win.

LaGina Mack scored 22 points to lead Elba, while Melissa Kelley added 10. John Register scored 13 points to lead Slocumb.

Elba (52): Lawford 5, McKinnon 2, Boyd 5, Mack 22, Kelley 10, Bludworth 6, Proctor 2.

Slocumb (39): Pracon 1, Stephens 1, Hutton 2, D. Yeomans 8, A. Yeomans 2, Register 13, McAllister 2, Young 8.

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quarter after a short jumper by McKinnon, but the New Brockton defense picked up its intensity all over the court, and took advantage of Lady Tiger turnovers to regain the lead 49-38.

The Lady Tigers moved back on top 32-31 late in the quarter on a three-pointer by LaGina Mack, only to see New Brockton go on an 8-0 run to open up a 39-32 lead early in the fourth quarter.

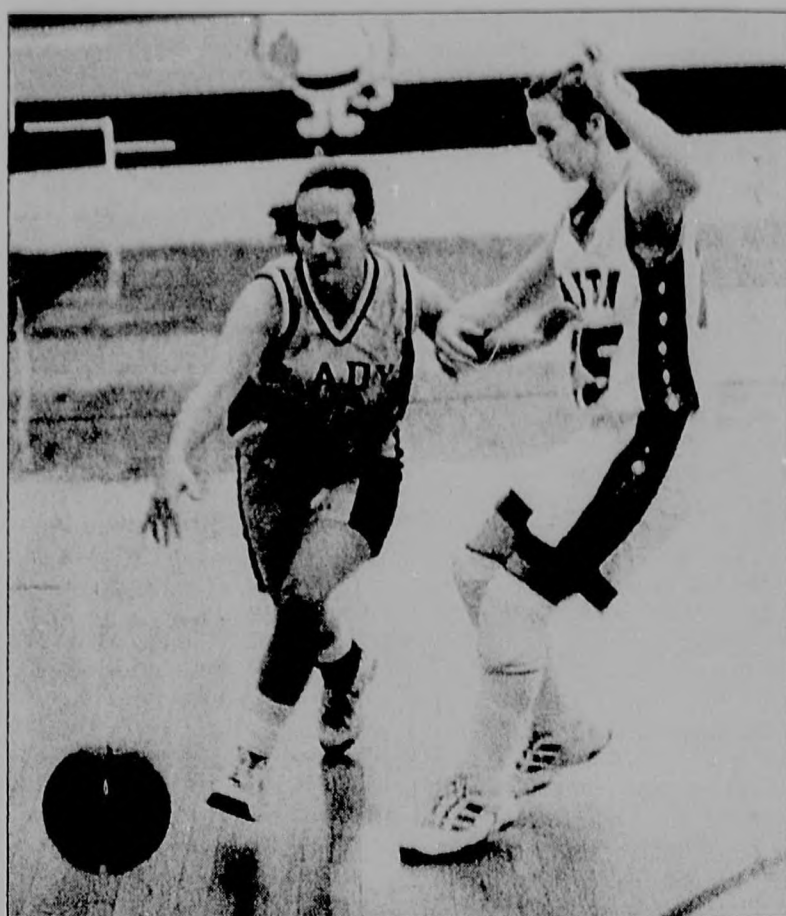
The Lady Gamecocks' lead went to 44-34 early in the final stanza, and Elba never managed to get any closer than seven points the remainder of the game, as New Brockton held on to post the 49-38 win.

Roshanda McKinnon scored 12 points and LaGina Mack added 12 to lead Elba, while Kendra Cole scored 20 points to lead New Brockton.

N.B. (49): Brewer 2, Smith 8, Eubanks 2, Smith 5, Jones 4, Lawson 5, Cole 20, Donaldson 2.

Elba (38): McKinnon 14, Boyd 4, Mack 12, Kelley 4, Bludworth 2, Proctor 2.

Roshanda McKinnon scored 20 points to lead Elba.



ELBA LADY TIGER KERRI LAWFORD (10) dribbles up court during a recent Elba game. The Lady Tigers claimed their first area win of the season Friday night by surprising Slocumb 52-39, in Slocumb. Elba will travel to Clayton this Friday night looking to even its area record at 2-2.

## Elba Lady Tigers suffer narrow losses to Florala and Clayton

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court twice early last week and came out on the short end of two hard fought battles.

The Lady Tigers opened the week with a 47-41 setback to Florala, then dropped a narrow 29-27 loss to Clayton, in a key area clash.

Following are highlights of both games:

## FLORALA 47

Elba (47): Lawford 6, Boyd 5, Kelley 2, McKinnon 20, Bludworth 6, Johnson 2.

CLAYTON 29

Elba (27): Lawford 2, Boyd 6, Bludworth 2, McKinnon 8, Mack 7, Oliveira 2.

CLAYTON (29): Lawrence 8, Moses 2, Palmer 2, White 2, Stewart 6, Gilbert 4, Taylor 5.

Elba (27): Lawford 2, Boyd 6, Bludworth 2, McKinnon 8, Mack 7, Oliveira 2.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 20  
Kinston at Wicksburg (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00

Friday, Jan. 21  
Elba at Clayton (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00  
Houston Academy at Zion Chapel (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00  
Kinston at Pleasant Home (JVB-VG-VB) 4:30  
New Brockton at Straughn (JVB-VG-VB) 4:30  
Brantley at Frisco City (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00

Saturday, Jan. 22  
Elba at Samson (JVB-VG-VB) 2:00  
Goshen at Brantley (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00

Monday, Jan. 24  
Opp at Elba (JVB-VG-VB) 4:30

Tuesday, Jan. 25  
Enterprise at Elba (JVB-VG-VB) 4:30  
Zion Chapel at Kinston (JVB-VG-VB) 4:30  
New Brockton at Red Level (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00  
Pleasant Home at Brantley (JVB-VG-VB) 5:00

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## SPORTS

## Up Area 3 record to 3-0

## Elba Tigers slam Slocumb 74-57

The Elba Tigers remained undefeated in the area and upped their record for the season to 13-2 Friday night with an easy 74-57 win over the Slocumb Red Tops, in Slocumb.

The win gave the Tigers a perfect 3-0 Class 3A, Area 3 slate, and clinched at least a tie for the area title. Slocumb slipped to 0-3 in the area.

The Tigers were sluggish early in the game and watched Slocumb eased out to a quick 4-2 advantage, but Elba's Tim Ware scored nine straight points over a two-minute span to help the Tigers move ahead 11-4, and Ware added a late dunk to send the Tigers into the second quarter with a 16-6 advantage.

Elba picked up its intensity on defense in the second quarter and rode the high-flying dunks of Wayne Reed and Monroe Williams to go on a 10-0 run and open up a 26-6 lead with 4:34 remaining in the half!

The Elba reserves took center

stage for the entire fourth quarter, and while Jeb Dubose did score six points to lead the Tigers to a 15-point stanza, the Red Tops took advantage of their height advantage to dominate inside and poured in 30 fourth quarter points to make the final score respectable at 74-57.

Tim Ware scored 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Elba, while Monroe Williams added 15 points. Mills led Slocumb with 18 points.

E 16 29 14 15 - 74  
S 6 8 13 30 - 57

Elba (74): Sutley 5, Hill 2, Coleman 3, Kelley 4, Reed 8, Salter 3, Head 2, Dubose 6, Ware 26, Williams 15.

Slocumb (57): Parks 6, Dawkins 14, Roy 5, Killingsworth 2, Mills 18, Smith 1, Williams 10.

[B GAME]

## Gamecocks tame Tigers 51-49

The Elba Tigers saw their six-game winning streak come to an unexpected end Saturday night as Jason McKenzie drilled a three-pointer from deep in the corner with the clock winding down to lift the New Brockton Gamecocks to a 51-49 win over the sixth-ranked Tigers, in front of a packed gym in Elba.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 13-3, while the Gamecocks upped their mark to 14-4 with the win.

New Brockton, ranked 10th in 2A, jumped out to a quick 5-2 advantage on a three-pointer by Kellen Cole. However, Cole was forced to the bench with his second foul of the opening stanza only minutes later, and the Tigers responded with an 8-0 run to grab a 14-9 lead.

The 8-0 spurt by Elba was highlighted by the inside play of Tim Ware and Monroe Williams, while Wayne Reed drilled a long three-pointer!

The Tigers moved on top 17-12 early in the second quarter on a three-pointer by Reed, but the Gamecocks again answered the Elba challenge, and sparked by a long three-pointer by Maurice Jones, reeled off seven straight points to move on top 19-17.

Elba senior Wayne Reed scored seven unanswered points for the Tigers as Elba regained control at 24-19, but the Gamecocks battled back, and closed to within 26-24 by the end of the half as Adrian Grimes scored from inside at the buzzer.

A bucket by Jason McKenzie and a three-pointer by Kellen Cole gave the Gamecocks a 29-26 lead early in the third quarter, and New Brockton held on to the advantage until midway through the stanza when Elba's Tim Ware tipped in a missed shot to put the Tigers back on top 33-31.

A three-pointer by Sammy Hill late in the third quarter gave the Tigers a 38-35 advantage. However, New Brockton once again rallied, and when Maurice Jones drilled a three-pointer from the corner, the Gamecocks had scored seven straight points, and moved ahead 42-38.

Wayne Reed sparked yet another Tiger rally after the Gamecocks had opened up the four-point lead, and after hitting a free-throw to cap a three-point play, gave the Tigers a 45-42 lead with 4:00 left in the game.

The score remained close for the

next three minutes as both teams misfired from the free-throw line.

Elba missed the front-end of a one-and-one with 3:00 left with the score knotted at 45-45, while the Gamecocks converted only one of four free-throw chances, and missed the front-end of a one-and-one with 1:10 remaining that left Elba in front 47-46.

The Tigers called a time-out with 1:02 left to set up a plan for the final minute of play, but an errant pass on the in-bounds pass to a Gamecock bucket by Josh Lewis, and put New Brockton in front 48-47.

Elba moved back in front 49-48 with .34 left when Sammy Hill calmly hit two free-throws, but the Gamecocks' Jason McKenzie drilled a long three-pointer from the corner with only seconds remaining, and Elba missed a late shot as the Gamecocks celebrated the 51-49 win.

Wayne Reed scored 21 points and Tim Ware added 13 to lead Elba, while Jason McKenzie scored 19 points for the Gamecocks and Kellen Cole added 11.

NB 12 12 13 14 - 51  
EL 14 12 12 10 - 49

N.B. (51): Flowers 2, Jones 6, Lewis 5, McKenzie 19, Cole 11, Grimes 7, Harrison 1.

Elba (49): Hill 6, Reed 21, Ware 13, Williams 8.

[B GAME]

The Elba B team Tigers upped their record to 6-1 with a big 58-35 win over New Brockton.

The Tigers could do little right in the opening stanza as the Gamecocks jumped out to an 11-4 advantage. However, Elba picked up its intensity on both ends of the court in the second quarter and outscored the Gamecocks 17-2 to open up a 21-13 halftime bulge. The Tigers continued to dominate in the third quarter and went on a 22-4 run to take a 43-17 lead into the final stanza, and when Maurice Jones drilled a three-pointer from the corner, the Gamecocks had scored seven straight points, and moved ahead 42-38.

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Elba (58): Daniels 8, English 4, Barnes 12, Curran 11, Henderson 23.

N.B. (35): Kinsaul 8, Roberts 2, Foster 3, Danford 2, Slawson 2, Taylor 2, Edwards 11, Campbell 2.

## Elba Tigers top Opp 69-56 for fifth straight victory

The Elba Tigers jumped out to a big early lead and never looked back last Monday night as they pounded the Opp Bobcats 69-56, in Opp.

The win improved Elba's record to 12-2, while Opp slipped to 1-9 with the loss.

The Tigers came out ready to play against the Bobcats and took command from the opening tip as Sammy Hill drained two long three-pointers to give Elba a quick 6-2 advantage.

Tim Ware began to dominate inside after Hill's outside shots dropped, and the Tigers' 6-6 senior poured in nine first quarter points to help Elba open up a 21-4 lead.

The Tigers extended their lead to 27-4 early in the second stanza as Ware continued to score almost exclusively inside, and the Elba reserves got in on the act as they matched

the Bobcats bucket for bucket late in the stanza and enabled the Tigers to go in at the half with a 41-22 advantage.

Wayne Reed scored seven points in the third quarter as the Tigers slowed down the action, but Elba carried a 53-28 lead into the final stanza, and easily held on down the stretch to post the impressive 69-56 road win over the 5A Bobcats.

Tim Ware scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Wayne Reed added 13 and Sammy Hill scored 11. Wilkerson led Opp with 22 points.

E 21 20 12 16 - 69  
O 4 18 6 28 - 56

Elba (69): Sutley 4, Hill 11, Coleman 4, Kelley 2, Reed 13, Hammond 2, Salter 2, Head 2, Manning 2, Dubose 4, Ware 17, Williams 6.

Opp took command in the first overtime as the Tigers misfired at

the free-throw line; however, the Tigers again managed to stay alive as Marcus Henderson nailed a three-pointer from the corner at the buzzer to send the game into a second extra period with the score still knotted at 34-34.

The Tigers scored early and often in the second extra period and ran away to claim the wild 43-35 win.

Marcus Henderson scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Mullins scored 10 points to lead Opp.

Elba (43): Skinner 3, Barnes 8, Daniels 5, English 7, Henderson 16, Brooks 4.

Opp (35): Lattimer 4, Smith 4, Stoudemire 3, Mullins 10, Justice 5, Wood 6, Breedlove 3.

[B GAME]

The Elba B team Tigers pulled out to a big early lead and coasted in with a 34-14 win over the Slocumb Red Tops.

The Tigers totally dominated the action in the opening stanza as they jumped out to a 13-2 lead, and by the end of the third quarter the Tigers had stretched their advantage to 29-14. Elba let everyone get in on the fun late as the Tigers easily held on to post the 34-24 win.

Zel Daniels scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Kyle English added 7.

Elba (34): Barnes 2, Daniels 10, English 7, Curran 3, Henderson 4, Allen 2, Brooks 4, Andrews 2.

Slocumb (24): Tew 5, Serrano 2, Parks 6, Parks 4, Moore 4, Sheps 2, Cook 1.

[B GAME]

Brantley Bulldogs got back in the win column last Saturday night by slipping past the Highland Home Flying Squadron 83-76, at Highland Home. Andy Johnson scored 16 points to lead the (6-2) Bulldogs.

Brantley Bulldogs bite McKenzie 76-36

The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back as they smashed the McKenzie Tigers 76-36, in Brantley. Mario Wiley scored 15 points and Earl Tillis added 14 for the (7-2) Bulldogs.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs rally for 43-30 win

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rallied from a three-point halftime deficit to defeat the McKenzie Lady Tigers 43-30, in Brantley. Tomicina Burnett scored 13 points to lead Brantley, while Precious Wiley added 10.

New Brockton mauls Kinston 65-24

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and then pulled away to clobber the Kinston Bulldogs 65-24, at New Brockton. Kellen Cole and Maurice Jones scored 14 points apiece to lead New Brockton, while Bret Nobles led the Bulldogs with 12 points.

Lady Gamecocks coast past Kinston 50-16

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks led all the way in an easy 50-16 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Letecia Smith scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Typhoons Smith added 15 points. Myers Barefoot led Kinston with 10 points.

Kinston falls hard to Geneva County 79-43

The Kinston Bulldogs continued their struggles on the court Friday night with a 79-43 loss to the Geneva County Bulldogs. Bret Nobles scored 15 points to lead Kinston, while Lushers Lane scored 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Geneva County.

New Brockton dumps Georgiana 65-41

The New Brockton Gamecocks remained undefeated in area play Friday night with a 65-41 win over the Georgiana Panthers. Kellen Cole scored 16 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Maurice Jones scored 14 and Josh Lewis added 11. Marcus McIntosh led the Panthers with 14 points.

Z.C. Lady Rebels fall to Houston Academy 53-19

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels found the going a little too tough Friday night as they fell to Houston Academy 53-19, in Dothan. Rebecca Kidd scored 10 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Jessica McLean scored 19 to lead the Lady Raiders.

Lady Gamecocks roll past Georgiana 48-22



# Community News



Winners in the 1999 fall semester competition of the Sam Boswell Honda/Enterprise State Junior College Collegiate Investment Challenge accept their monetary awards from the team sponsor, Sam Boswell. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Wanda Flowers, ESJC business division chairperson, first place winner of \$150, Daniel Murdock of Elba; third place winner of \$50, Robert Shepherd of New Brockton; and Sam Boswell.

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## TSU graduate student plans TV show to educate, entertain children

One day, Troy State University graduate student Art Williams may be seen in homes across America entertaining and educating children through his own television show.

This month, Williams will take a big step toward a career in children's television when he airs a pilot for a series called, "Here We GROW!"

Williams, who serves as writer, producer and host of the program, created the series in conjunction with TSU-TV, the campus television station.

"It's designed to provide character education for children," Williams said. "It will be a 30-minute program designed to be shown in segments to children in grades K through three. It can be aired either as a single program or shown over five days in the classroom."

The pilot aired Jan. 17-18 at 5:30 p.m. on TSU-TV. Williams will distribute it and the manual to 15 to 25 school systems in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Texas and Ohio, along with a manual guiding teachers on how to best use the program as a unit of study.

If educators like the pilot, Williams will produce more, with the goal of selling his educational and entertaining program to school systems across the country. Williams would also like to have his own children's television show one day, but that's not the primary purpose of "Here We GROW!," he said.

"The purpose of the show is education first," Williams said. "We need more character education, teaching children about caring for others and taking responsibility for their actions."

While Williams serves as host of "Here We GROW!," he does not appear in every segment of the show. He uses music, puppets and other devices to relate the moral lesson to children. Williams also uses TSU

students, primarily Tori Lee of Brundidge and Phil Wilson of Sparks, Ga., as cast members.

"I have been performing since I was seven or eight years old," the Elba native said. "I used to appear on Channel 12 in Montgomery on children's shows with puppets and I am a ventriloquist, so the performing comes naturally to me."

Williams, who received a bachelor's degree in music education at Troy State, is working toward a master's degree in education.

## Farm Service Agency election deadline announced

David W. Eaddy, county executive director, recently announced the date for filing nomination petitions for election to the Farm Service Agency County Office Committee election, and urged every local resident involved in a farming operation to contact their local FSA office to be sure that they are on the list of eligible voters and participants.

Eaddy said the deadline for filing nomination petitions for the election is Jan. 21. Before then, county offices will have completed a list of area farmers eligible to vote in the election, and will issue a public notice announcing the election and boundaries of the area served by the Coffee County office committee.

Interested farmers should contact the local Farm Service Agency for further information.

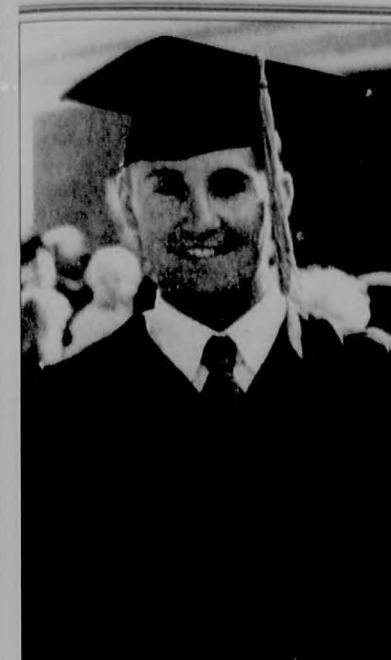
## New Brockton and Enterprise to compete in TSU Prep Bowl

Teams from two high schools in Coffee County will visit Troy State University to compete in Prep Bowl 2000, a quiz show aired on TSU-TV, the campus television station.

New Brockton High School and Enterprise High School are among 32 teams from across Alabama competing at Prep Bowl 2000, which is patterned after the old "College Bowl" TV series.

The high school teams will visit TSU throughout January and February to tape shows for later airing. Scholars will answer questions in the categories of the arts, business, communication, history, geography, government and law, philosophy, religion, science, mathematics, technology and sports.

Deborah Wilkins is coaching the new Brockton squad, while Shane Casey and Burt Parrish are serving as advisers to the Enterprise High School team.



Michael Grantham receives degree from TSU

Michael Brian Grantham, son of Cindy Eddins and Berry Grantham, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration on Dec. 17, 1999 from Troy State University in Troy, Ala.

Michael is the grandson of Ivey Grantham and a 1994 graduate of Elba High School.

While attaining his BS degree at TSU, Michael was on the President's List 1999, nominated for the Outstanding General Business Student Award and was a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon Society.

Michael currently is enrolled at Troy State to pursue his MBA.

## 2nd Congressional District ADC meeting to be held

The Second Congressional District of the Alabama Democratic Conference will meet Saturday, Jan. 22, at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, 801 Damascus Rd., Enterprise. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All members and interested persons are asked to attend.

The Second Congressional District includes: Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Crenshaw, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Montgomery and Pike counties.

For additional information, call Beatrice Brooks at 347-0918 or Robert Hooks at 347-8440.

## USDA announces 2000 crop peanut national poundage quota

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced a national poundage quota for peanuts for the 2000 marketing year of 1,800,000 short tons, 2,360 billion pounds (the same as the 1999 level).

Keith Kelly, administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency, said this level has been determined to be the quota level which will provide peanuts for domestic use in accordance with the statutory formula for establishing the quota.

The 2000-crop national poundage quota will be allocated to each State based on the State's share of the 1999-crop national poundage quota.

The national average 2000 quota price support level is set by statute at \$610 per short ton. The price support level for additional peanuts must be set by Feb. 15, 2000.

## Peanut Producers annual meeting planned for February 11th

The Alabama Peanut Producers Association will hold its 42nd Annual meeting on Friday, Feb. 11, at the New Brockton Farm Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a program that will begin at promptly 10 a.m. A catered lunch will be served at 12 noon.

Those invited to speak during the program segment of the annual meeting include: U.S. Congressman Terry Everett (R-AL); Dr. Luther Waters, dean and director of the Auburn University College of Agriculture and Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station; James Godwin, incoming manager of the

GFA Peanut Association; Dr. Marshall Lamb, National Peanut Research Laboratory/Research Fellow, Auburn University; Kathy Fountain, Graham and Robin Allison, Alabama Chapter of the March of Dimes; Mitch Head and Leslie Wagner, Peanut Advisory Board.

Following the annual meeting, there will be a Alabama Peanut PAC meeting and an APPA business meeting. All area peanut growers and others interested in the peanut industry are cordially invited to attend.

## AREA NEWS



Pictured above accepting the flag on behalf of New Brockton High School's student body are officers of the Student Government Association. They are (l-r): Jenna Donaldson, Leanne Griffin Pate Harrison, Kellen Cole, Cong. Everett, and NBHS Principal Dale Kelley.



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## Congressman Terry presents flags to area schools

FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONIES were held at both the New Brockton Elementary School and New Brockton High School Tuesday morning. U.S. Congressman Terry Everett presented both student bodies with U.S. Flags that were flown over the Nation's Capitol on December 17, 1999. Before making the presentations, Congressman Everett spoke briefly to both student bodies - the elementary students through the school's intercom and high school students were assembled in the gymnasium. He challenged the students to get an education, dream big and to work hard in obtaining their individual goals in life. "Nothing is impossible!" said Everett. "You can be what you want to be if you get a good education and work hard."

## Plans being made for Miss Elba Pageants

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that planning is currently underway for the 2000-2001 Miss Elba Pageants. Anyone interested in learning more about this year's pageants should look for all the details in upcoming issues of The Elba Clipper.

## MacArthur State now offering continuing education courses

MacArthur State Technical College is now offering Workforce Development and Continuing Education courses for area business and industry, as well as individuals. These new, non-credit courses have been developed to provide people the opportunity to update their current skills and/or learn new skills.

The following courses are currently being offered:

- Exploring the Internet - This is a seven-week course that offers basic Internet Skills including working with browsers, searching and downloading information from the Web and using E-Mail. The class begins on Jan. 24 and ends March 6. Meeting hours are on Monday nights from 5-7:40 p.m.

- PC Applications - This beginner course introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications in a business-oriented environment. Included in the course is an overview of Windows 95/98, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook. The class begins on Jan. 25 and ends May 9. Meeting hours are on Tuesday nights from 5-7:40 p.m.
- Basic Keyboarding - This course is designed to help develop touch control of the keyboard and proper typing techniques, build basic speed and accuracy, and practice in applying those basic skills to the formatting of letters, reports, tables, and memos using Microsoft Word. The class begins on Jan. 25 and ends May 9. Meeting hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in registering for the courses listed should contact the Admissions office at MacArthur State Technical College at 493-3573 ext. 260.

## NRCS announces sign-up dates for Jan. 18-Feb. 11th

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a sign-up for the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) from Jan. 18 to Feb. 11. Approximately \$500,000 is available for cost-sharing in Alabama for fiscal year 2000. In Coffee County, the sign-up will be in the NRCS office located at the USDA Service Center in New Brockton. The program is designed to benefit the environment while meeting future demands for wood products. FIP cost-sharing is available for site preparation, tree planting and timber stand improvement.

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Items will be sold for the highest cash best offer or otherwise disposed of at

to present the same within time allowed by law.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of Dec. 1899.

**Alfred A. Bilal**  
**Personal Representative**  
1613 23rd Street

**IN THE MATTER OF**  
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**DECEASED.**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**  
**COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA.**  
**ELBA DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. PC-99-82**

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Witness my hand this 11th day of January, 2000 at Brunson Mississippi.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by certain mortgage dated September 4, 1997, executed by HOWARD PAUL BRUNSON, JR. and DOROTHY ANN BRUNSON to NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC. which mortgage was recorded on September 11, 1997 in Official Public Records of the County of Coffee, Alabama, in Book 248-257 of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Division of Elba, the undersigned has decided to declare said indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given that pursuant to law the power to sell said property to satisfy said mortgage, undesignated will sell said property to the highest bidder in cash, in front of the Master Entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of February, 2000. The undersigned is a duly licensed Attorney in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

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the north right way of West Adams Street in the Town of Enterprise, thence west along the south side of West Adams Street 150 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 150 feet; thence west 50 feet; thence north 150 feet; thence said 50 feet along the south side of West Adams Street to the point of beginning; said lot lying and being in the Town of Enterprise, County of Collee and being the same lot acquired by Lurene Glason August 14, 1981 and being of record in the office of the Judge of Probate of Collee County, Kansas, together with all improvements situated thereon.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and the expenses incurred to this sale, said sale to be reasonable attorney's fees and the other purposes set out in said mortgage.

**FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK**  
**Holder of said Mortgage**

**Witness my hand this 12th day of January, 2000.**

**/s/ Ruth F. Davis**  
**Personal Representative**  
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**ESTATE OF**  
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# Area News

## Elba High journalism program continues to win praise across Alabama



**ELBA HIGH TEACHERS** Julie Norris and Margaret Calhoun update school board members on various aspects of the much-heralded journalism program at Elba High School. The above picture catches the group discussing the recently installed WSEA weather monitoring technology. Science teacher Norris said, "We just told them what we were doing, what we had to offer and that we wanted to be one of their weather sites." The project is worked into the daily education of the students in understanding weather patterns and how they impact the local and world environment, as well as, the good work habits and discipline from maintaining the weather site.

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba High School Journalism program continues to collect praise from around the state. The program is presently under the direction of science teacher Mrs. Julie Norris and media specialist (librarian) Mrs. Margaret Calhoun.

In March of 1999 the program was featured in the Alabama Journalist, a publication of the University of Alabama Department of Journalism. Of course, one might say there was an inside track there, as the UA instructor (and former dean of the Journalism School) is Coffee County native Ed Mullins.

Recently in Tuscaloosa, the Elba journalism students walked away with six awards from the Alabama Scholastic Press Association.

The current issue of the Alabama School Journal, published by the Alabama Education Association (AEA), also featured the program which has grown over the years from an annual staff for the *Elbala*, and sometimes a school newspaper,

to include a weekly page in the local newspaper (Tiger Tales), weekly student reporting on the local radio station, in-school TV broadcast daily to each classroom - both high school and elementary - cable TV features on each of the schools, and a monthly school newspaper (Tiger Times) completely in-school written, edited and printed. The school was recently selected as a weather site by a Montgomery television station and the electronic equipment is installed and working.

The in-school television gives students important information on what is happening, both in the school and in the world, on a daily basis. The students in the classroom get the information coming from the mouth of one of their peers. The students involved with the program rotate both the on-camera work and the behind-the-camera chores.

The work is done in-house with modern equipment which is continually being upgraded. The TV work is done in a portion of the high

school library, equipped with cameras, mixers and editing equipment. The print work is done on computers in the journalism lab and a well-equipped darkroom was recently supplemented with a new digital still camera. Much of the newer equipment was paid for through creative use of technology enhancement grants from state and federal sources. The program raises the local portion of the expense through various fund-raisers, including ads in the yearbook, homecoming dance, beauty pageant, womanless beauty pageant, raffle and the sale of Valentine's Day Candygrams.

The students furnish the newspaper articles (edited and corrected) and the accompanying photographs in digital form to the newspaper. They furnish the tapes for the cable TV spots to the stations in finished form also - either in 30 second or one minute segments, whichever is requested.

Other schools regularly contact the two teachers involved with the Elba program for guidance in establishing or improving a similar program in their facilities.

Students who apply and are selected to participate in the program commit to a year-round program, with weekly meetings throughout the summer. The program once was limited to seniors but as additional projects added to the scope and time involved, it has been expanded to include qualified juniors also. This exposes more students to the technologies for a longer time and keeps some experienced students on the staff at all times.

While the two teachers give strong leadership and have established clear guidelines, the students are expected to complete their projects without a teacher standing by and continuously holding their hands.

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BURNS QUESTIONED ON VEHICLE DECALS

## County to help ESJC will ball park

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Commissioners dealt with control of county vehicles, ball park construction and passed several resolutions in Monday's bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

It took several tries, but the commission finally honored a request by Dr. Stafford Thompson to assist Enterprise State Junior College (ESJC) with the construction of a softball field for women on the campus.

Dr. Thompson explained that under Title 9, a law that basically states (among other things) that equal opportunities in sports for both men and women must be provided by learning institutions, it has become necessary for the college to consider the construction of a women's softball field.

Currently, a complex owned by the city is being used by the women; however, this is no longer feasible due to difficulties in arranging schedules.

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that the work being requested by ESJC would be about \$3,100. No second was offered to Stephens' amendment.

Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis said he was not in favor of setting any limit on such projects but to take each request and address it [the cost] of that time. "Each request should be judged on its own merits," he said.

A vote on the original motion by Dalrymple failed to pass by a 3-4 vote (For Dalrymple, Brooks & Tom Grimsley; Against: Lewis, Stephens, Len Averett, and Linda Westbrook).

Commissioner Brooks offered a motion seconded by Westbrook that the ESJC project be done at a cost of \$3,100. This motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The focus of the commission meeting then turned to control of county vehicles with Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns fielding questions concerning a vehicle assigned to the mapping and appraisal division of his office.

Recently, an incident occurred involving a 1998 Jeep Cherokee assigned to Angela Byrd in mapping and appraisal. In the early hours (5:35 a.m.) of Saturday, Jan. 15, Enterprise police officers arrested Anthony Edward Brandt, 26, of 1920 Red Hawk Drive, Enterprise, and charged him with DUI (driving under the influence). Miss Byrd also resides at the same address - 1920 Red Hawk Drive, Enterprise.

According to reports, the vehicle was not marked with county decals as required and also, the county tag had been replaced with a tag from Ms. Byrd's personal vehicle. Police officers impounded the vehicle and notified county officials. The vehicle was later picked up by Burns.

Burns told commissioners that he was not notified that the vehicle had been "taken" or involved in a criminal incident until Monday, Jan. 17.

When asked by Chairman Lewis why the vehicle did not have permanent decals on it, Burns responded, "When the permanent decals were given to me, they said 'Coffee County Reappraisal' not 'Coffee County Mapping & Appraisal'."

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by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

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